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Re: Docket No. 98N-1265

We would urge you to amend the memorandum of understanding intended to provide legislative guidance to State Agencies. In its present form, the MOU, as well as Compounding Section 503A of the Modernization Act, severely limits the practice and interstate distribution of compounded drugs and the rights of physicians and patients to obtain healthcare products from the provider of their choice and infringes on the rights of compounding pharmacists to serve the public's medical needs. The MOU places further unnecessary restrictions on consumer choices and commonly accepted professional pharmacy compounding practices.

Pharmacists need to be free to suggest alternatives to physicians and patients. **Such recommendations are not solicitation to those of us who depend on them.**

I hope you will make it a policy to protect the public against baldly self-serving strategies of the major pharmaceutical companies such as this MOU.

Thank you for considering our opinion.

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